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Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR :—" Cannot the hon. the Minister give some information ? The Director's report is there with him."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I want notice."

Prevention of teachers from smoking in the presence of their pupils.

*63 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether any circular has been issued or is proposed to be issued directing that teachers should not smoke in the presence of their pupils in the class-room or in the school or college premises ?

A.—A circular in the following terms was issued by the Director of Public Instruction in April 1929 :—

" The heads of all educational institutions are hereby informed that teachers should not be allowed to smoke in class rooms."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to issue instructions to the Director of Public Instruction to see that teachers ought to be informed that smoking should not be indulged in by them not only inside the class-room but also outside the class-room within the school premises ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I believe that is the instruction."

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABAPATHI MUDALIYAR :—" Will the hon. the Minister be pleased to bring forward legislation on the subject ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think a case has been made out for such legislation."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know if the hon. the Minister will issue instructions to the effect that smoking should not be indulged in by the teachers in the precincts of the school ? Because it is mentioned here in the answer that the instructions are only in regard to the class-room ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That will be done."

Opening of girls' schools in South Kanara.

*64 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : With reference to my question No. 1682 answered on 11th March 1929 regarding the opening of girls' schools in South Kanara, will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House the information received from the Director of Public Instruction ?

A.—The report received from the Director of Public Instruction is placed on the Council table.[a]

Local Boards

Introduction of Bills to amend the Local Boards Act, District Municipalities Act, etc.

*65 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state when he proposes to introduce in the Council—

(i) the Bill to amend the Local Boards Act ;

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